

Application No. 09/761,492

Remarks

The Office Action mailed March 24, 2004 allowed claims 13-15, and merely objected to claims 2, 3, 7, 8, 11, 12, and 16-20.

The Office Action merely objected to claims 2, 3, 7, 8, 11, 12 as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but said they would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Applicant has rewritten claim 2 in independent form, including all of the limitations of previous claim 1. Claim 3 depends from claim 2.

Applicant has rewritten claim 7 in independent form to incorporate all of the limitations of prior independent claim 1, and intervening claims 4, 5, and 6. Claim 8 depends from claim 7.

Applicant has rewritten claim 11 in independent form, incorporating all of the limitations of prior independent claim 1 and intervening claim 9. Claim 12 depends from claim 11. Applicant has amended claim 10 to depend from claim 11.

The Office Action objected to claim 16, and suggested substituting the words "each other" for "one another". Applicants has amended the claim in accordance with the Examiner's suggestion. The amendment does not pertain to patentability. Applicant has also amended claim 17 in accordance with the suggestion in the Office Action. This amendment also does not affect patentability.


The Office Action stated that claim 16 would be allowable if amended to overcome the objections set forth in the Office Action. The Office Action also stated that claims 17-20 would be allowable if rewritten to overcome the rejection set forth in the Office Action.

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In view of the above actions, applicant respectfully requests allowance of previously objected to claims 2, 3, 7-9, 11, 12, and 16-20, and continued allowance of previously allowed claims 13-15.

If the Examiner considers personal contact helpful to dispose of this case, call David J. Arthur, at Telephone Number (585) 423-9215, Rochester, New York.

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